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From: Marc Lemberg

Monday, December 27, 2021 11:28 AM Sent: To: Salvatore Tirabassi; Ryan Sasson

Subject: RE: 2021 Law Firm Bills

I was for 2020.

- Brad and I produced all the detail on all of the 3rd party law firm invoices billed to the firms.
- I had included in that calc what we should have billed back (at that time approx. \$11.5K for Michael Ross, but not the other \$25K yet), but not sure if it was ultimately invoiced back by Brad et al.

Cameron stopped getting invoices the firms paid Rathje etc. from Kesterson after we changed to a net Admin Fee formula.

So that left a gap from March-November 2021.

So, early last week, I asked JB + Kesterson to provide me all 2021 3rd party legal fee invoices billed to firms (Rathje + local/regulatory counsel) so we can check against what your team has for 2021 true up costs for period March-November 2021.

I pinged Kesterson again Christmas eve and he told me I should be receiving early this week.

Marc Lemberg

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Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 2:15 PM

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You can ask Cameron and Ian Toro to set up an invoice for them. @Marc, are you reconciling every month?

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From: Ryan Sasson <rsasson@stratfs.com> Date: Monday, December 27, 2021 at 2:08 PM To: Marc Lemberg < MLemberg@stratfs.com >, Salvatore Tirabassi < stirabassi@stratfs.com >

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That's a tough one because they took 50% of the settlement

Best,

Ryan Sasson CEO

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From: Marc Lemberg < MLemberg@stratfs.com>
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There is approx. \$36.5K that would match this. In both cases I approved and asked Cameron to make sure we bill it back (approx. \$7K?).

- 1. Approx \$25K Ice-related I put through -- two invoices:
 - a. Kroll Investigations
 - b. a former NYC prosecutor, Laurin Grollman.

Both are from back when we (and only we) were trying to dig up anything we could find on the Ices. As it turns out, we didn't find much of value. We later learned when we hired them, they turned out to be squeaky clean.

2. Other is approx \$11.5K from the Law Offices of Michael Ross related to assisting Lauren Montanile defending her NY bar complaint.

@Salvatore Tirabassi, we should look to ensure we invoiced (or factored into any true-up) firms' responsibility for a portion of this approx. \$36.5K. (approx. \$7K total?)

@Ryan Sasson, I assume the Troutman Pepper share re Carolina is already baked elsewhere.

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From: Ryan Sasson < resasson@stratfs.com > Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 11:23 AM

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Subject: 2021 Law Firm Bills

Please fully confirm that we billed and received payment for 20% of ALL the Legal fees that Strat paid for anything having to do with the law firms in 2020.

Ryan Sasson CEO





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